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REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Levy (US 5,923,892) of record in the parent application, in view of Marsh (US 5,621,434) of record in the parent application. Applicant respectfully disagrees with such rejection.

Specifically, the Examiner relies on the Levy reference, which has an effective date of October 27, 1997. The present application, however, claims the priority of an application filed May 08, 1997. Thus, the use of the Levy reference is improper. For this reason, Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 15, and 16 are deemed allowable.

The Examiner has continued by rejecting Claims 1-37 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,659. Such rejection has been overcome by virtue of the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NVIDP316B).

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